



# BATTLE RIVER REGION

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# MAJOR MUNICIPALITIES

- The Major Municipality that gained the most population according to Statistics Canada census data from 2001 – 2006 (5 Years), in percentage, for the Battle River Region was Camrose with an increase of 5.0% (750 residents).

*Please note: Shadow populations are not counted in the census. The province of Alberta has recently experienced an influx of shadow population or seasonal workers due to the economic boom. This has been brought to the attention of Statistics Canada and any revisions will be released in the fall of 2008.*

## Economic Indicators: Battle River Region

Major Municipalities*	Status	2006 Population	2001 Population	1996 Population
Camrose	City	15,620	14,870	13,728
Camrose No. 22, County of	Municipal District	7,160	7,278	7,613
Beaver County	Municipal District	5,676	5,644	5,659
Wainwright	Town	5,426	5,117	5,079
Wainwright No. 61, M.D. of	Municipal District	3,558	4,231	4,044
Flagstaff County	Municipal District	3,506	3,692	4,015
Provost No. 52, M.D. of	Municipal District	2,547	2,640	2,705
Paintearth No. 18, County of	Municipal District	2,126	2,192	2,316
Provost	Town	2,072	1,980	1,904
Tofield	Town	1,876	1,818	1,726

**Source:** Statistics Canada, Census 1996, 2001, 2006

\* Top ten cities/towns and municipalities in region, based on population from census years.

## Economic Indicators: Battle River Region

Major Municipalities	2001 - 2006 (5 Years)		1996 - 2006 (10 Years)	
	% Change	Net Change	% Change	Net Change
Camrose	5.0%	750	13.8%	1,892
Camrose No. 22, County of	-1.6%	(118)	-6.0%	(453)
Beaver County	0.6%	32	0.3%	17
Wainwright	6.0%	309	6.8%	347
Wainwright No. 61, M.D. of	-15.9%	(673)	-12.0%	(486)
Flagstaff County	-5.0%	(186)	-12.7%	(509)
Provost No. 52, M.D. of	-3.5%	(93)	-5.8%	(158)
Paintearth No. 18, County of	-3.0%	(66)	-8.2%	(190)
Provost	4.6%	92	8.8%	168
Tofield	3.2%	58	8.7%	150

**Source:** Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry



# DEMOGRAPHICS

- According to Statistics Canada census data, the Battle River Region's population had a percentage increase of 0.3% from 2001 - 2006 (5 years) which works out to an increase of approximately 202 residents.
- According to Statistics Canada census data, the Battle River Region's population accounted for 2.0% of the provinces population.

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## Economic Indicators: Battle River Region

<b>Land Area</b>	<b>Battle River</b>
Square Kilometers	2,698.7
% of Provincial Total	0.4
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>Battle River</b>
Population, 2006 Census	65,559
% of Provincial Total	2.0%
Population, 2001 Census	65,357
% of Provincial Total	2.2%
Population, 1996 Census	65,626
% of Provincial Total	2.4%
Population Growth (%), 2001 - 2006	0.3%
Population Growth (%), 1996 - 2006	-0.1%

Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1996, 2001, 2006

## Economic Indicators: Battle River Region

<b>Population Components</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>1996</b>
	<b>Region</b>		
Age Group: 65+ (%)	16.0	15.9	15.5
Age Group: 0 - 14 (%)	19.5	21.0	22.9
Dependency Ratio <sup>1</sup>	55.0	58.5	62.2
Old Age Dependency Ratio <sup>2</sup>	24.8	25.2	25.0
Males, Ages 0 -14 (%)	19.6	21.3	23.2
Females, Ages 0 - 14 (%)	19.3	20.7	22.5
Males, Ages 15 - 64 (%)	65.5	64.2	62.7
Females, Ages 15 - 64 (%)	63.6	62.1	60.6
Males, Ages 65+ (%)	14.8	14.5	14.0
Females, Ages 65+ (%)	17.2	17.3	16.9

Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1996, 2001, 2006



# IMMIGRATION – PERMANENT RESIDENTS

- According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada, in 2006, 68 immigrants selected a location in the Battle River Region geography as their destination of choice on their permanent residence application form.

*Please note: This figure does not include temporary foreign workers, students or temporary residents. Also, those that selected a certain province as their destination of choice on their permanent residence application are not required to move to the province indicated. This means that there could potentially be data missing due to immigrants indicating one province as their destination and then actually moving to another.*

- The annualized percentage growth from 1996 to 2006 for the Battle River Region was 1.3%. The annualized percentage growth from 1996 to 2006 for Alberta was 4.0%. The percent change for the Battle River Region from 2001 -2006 (5 Years) was 47.8% (22) and the percent change from 1996 – 2006 (10 Years) was 13.3% (8).

<b>Economic Indicators: Battle River Region</b>	
<b>Immigrants (Permanent Residents)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Battle River</b>
As of December 31, 1996	60
% of Province	0.4%
As of December 31, 1997	58
% of Province	0.5%
As of December 31, 1998	35
% of Province	0.3%
As of December 31, 1999	35
% of Province	0.3%
As of December 31, 2000	32
% of Province	0.2%
As of December 31, 2001	46
% of Province	0.3%
As of December 31, 2002	63
% of Province	0.4%
As of December 31, 2003	67
% of Province	0.4%
As of December 31, 2004	57
% of Province	0.3%
As of December 31, 2005	55
% of Province	0.3%
As of December 31, 2006	68
% of Province	0.3%
<b>Annualized Percentage Growth, 1996 – 2006, 10 years<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>1.3%</b>

Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) Landing File,  
Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry



# NEWLY REGISTERED APPRENTICES

- From December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2006, the number of newly registered apprentices for the Battle River Region increased by 140.9% (149 to 359).
- As of December 31, 2006, the Battle River Region accounted for 1.4% of all the newly registered apprentices in Alberta (359 of 24,914).
- The annualized percentage growth for the Battle River Region from December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2006 was 19.2%. The annualized percentage growth for the same period for the province was 12.2%.
- The top trades that new apprentices registered for, in 2006, in the Battle River Region are: Welder (104), Carpenter (39) and Heavy Equipment Technician (39). The top trades that new apprentices registered for, in 2006, in Alberta are: Welder (4,423), Electrician (3,051) and Heavy Equipment Technician (2,191).

*Please note: These figures are based on employer location and only account for first year apprentices. This is not the running total of all apprentices currently enrolled in all trade programs from year one up to their certificate. Several apprentice programs take several years to complete with both on-the-job and classroom training.*

<b>Economic Indicators: Battle River Region</b>	
<b>Newly Registered Apprentices - All Trades</b> <sup>5</sup>	<b>Battle River</b>
As of December 31, 2001	149
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	1.1%
As of December 31, 2002	150
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	1.2%
As of December 31, 2003	191
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	1.6%
As of December 31, 2004	191
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	1.5%
As of December 31, 2005	272
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	1.5%
As of December 31, 2006	359
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	1.4%
<b>Annualized Percentage Growth, 2001 – 2006, 5 Years</b> <sup>6</sup>	<b>19.2%</b>

**Source:** Alberta Advanced Education,  
Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry



# LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS – LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

- In 2006, according to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, the Battle River Region employment rate for the working population of 15+ was 69.9% with a participation rate of 71.8%.
- In 2006, according to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, the Battle River Region employment rate for the age group 15 -24 years old was 70.0% with a participation rate of 75.0%.
- In 2006, Alberta had the lowest unemployment rate in Canada at 3.4% - well below the national average of 6.3%. Between 2005 and 2006, the number of people employed in Alberta grew by 4.8% or by 86,300. Between 1996 and 2006, the number of people employed grew by 465,600. – *Statistics Canada, Historical Labour Force Review*
- In 2006, Alberta made up 10.1% of Canada's working age population (15+ years), the province created more than a quarter or 27.4% of all new jobs in Canada. Alberta created the second highest number of job in the country following Ontario, which had three times the working age population of Alberta, or 39.1%. – *Annual Alberta Labour Market Review*

<b>Economic Indicators: Battle River Region</b>						
<b>Annual Labour Force Characteristics</b> <sup>7</sup>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Population: 15+ (000s)	61.1	65.3	38.1	24.7	29.0	40.2
Labour Force: 15+ (000s)	43.9	45.8	28.5	19.2	19.5	27.0
Employment: 15+ (000s)	42.7	44.2	27.8	18.3	18.9	26.1
Unemployment: 15+ (000s)	N/A	1.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Participation Rate: 15+ (%)	71.8	70.1	74.8	77.7	67.2	67.2
Unemployment Rate: 15+ (%)	N/A	3.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Employment Rate: 15+ (%)	69.9	67.7	73.0	74.1	65.2	64.9
Participation Rate - Age Group: 15 - 24 (%)	75.0	68.8	79.4	73.6	72.3	75.0
Unemployment Rate - Age Group: 15 - 24 (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Employment Rate - Age Group: 15 - 24 (%)	70.0	63.3	75.0	66.0	66.0	70.3

**Source:** Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey - Note: N/A=data suppressed, insufficient sample.

There is no population control for special geography and some regions have small sample size, the volatility of these estimates can lead to large year to year swings in the data so the drop or increase would come from sampling variability. Also beginning in 2005, Statistics Canada used the 2005 redesign, prior 2005 they used the 1995 redesign. Statistics Canada also used a blend of the old and new designs from November 2004 to March 2005. This was the phase in period and the two designs did overlap during that time. Statistics Canada urges the reader to notice that some regions increase in sample size. This could explain the jump in population 15+.



# **EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY - LABOUR FORCE SURVEY**

- In 2006, According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, the service-producing sector in the Battle River Region employed more than 50% of those surveyed.
- In 2006, According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, the Agriculture industry continued to have the strongest amount of individuals employed. This industry includes professions such as Soybean Farming, Farm Management Services and Crop Harvesting.

<b>Economic Indicators: Battle River Region</b>						
<b>Annual Employment by Industry <sup>8</sup></b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
All Industries (000s) - Total	42.7	44.2	27.8	18.3	18.9	26.1
<b>Goods-Producing Sector</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>9.4</b>
Agriculture	8.1	7.4	4.6	2.8	3.4	4.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas	3.7	4.5	2.4	N/A	N/A	1.9
Utilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction	3.8	4.4	3.4	N/A	N/A	1.9
Manufacturing	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Services-Producing Sector</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>16.7</b>
Wholesale Trade	1.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retail Trade	3.9	5.0	1.9	2.2	2.2	3.0
Transportation & Warehousing	1.7	2.7	1.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	N/A	1.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Business, Building & Other Support Services	1.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Educational Services	2.7	2.2	1.8	N/A	N/A	1.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	4.1	3.8	2.4	2.7	2.1	2.4
Information, Culture & Recreation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Accommodation & Food Services	2	2.3	1.7	N/A	N/A	1.7
Other Services	1.8	2.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.6
Public Administration	1.6	1.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey Note: N/A= data suppressed, insufficient sample size.

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## **INCOME, TAXFILER**

- In 2005, the average individual income for all taxfilers for the Battle River Region was XXX.
- In 2005, XXXXX of all taxfilers for the Battle River Region reported individual gross income of \$100,000 and over with the average claim over \$100,000 being XXXX.

## **“COUPLE” INCOME**

- In 2005, the average “couple income” for all taxfilers for the Battle River Region was XXX.
- In 2005, XXXXX of all taxfilers for the Battle River Region that declared themselves a “couple”, defined as married or common law, reported a combined gross income of \$100,000 and over.



# INVESTMENT

- In 2006, the total building permit value for the Battle River Region increased by 153.0% (roughly \$106.7 million) from 2005.
- In 2006, the residential building permit value for the Battle River Region increased by 85.1% (roughly \$39.2 million) from 2005.
- In 2006, the number of single family housing starts in the Battle River Region increased by 62.4% (143 units) from 2005.
- In 2006, the number of total housing starts in the Battle River Region increased by 66.3% (203 units) from 2005.
- Between the years 2001 and 2006, there has been 1,556 single family housing starts in the Battle River Region. During the same time the total housing starts was 2,087.

<b>Economic Indicators: Battle River Region</b>			
<b>Building Permit Values and Housing Starts (2006)</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Total Building Permit Value (\$000s)	176,485	69,780	70,051
% of Provincial Total	1.3%	0.7%	1.0%
Per Capita Building Permit Value (\$) <sup>10</sup>	2,692	1,066	1,079
Average Annual Total Building Permit Value (\$000s), 2001 - 2006		90,699	
Average Annual Total Building Permit Value (\$000s), 1996 - 2006		72,625	
Commercial Building Permit Value (\$000s)	70,445	19,576	11,309
% of Total Building Permit Value	39.9%	28.1%	16.1%
% of Provincial Commercial Building Permit Value	1.9%	0.8%	0.7%
Industrial Building Permit Value (\$000s)	4,104	1,315	2,991
% of Total Building Permit Value	2.3%	1.9%	4.3%
% of Provincial Industrial Building Permit Value	0.4%	0.2%	0.7%
Institutional Building Permit Value (\$000s)	16,600	2,785	2,541
% of Total Building Permit Value	9.4%	4.0%	3.6%
% of Provincial Institutional Building Permit Value	1.6%	0.3%	0.5%
Residential Building Permit Value (\$000s)	85,336	46,107	53,210
% of Total Building Permit Value	48.4%	66.1%	76.0%
% of Provincial Residential Building Permit Value	1.0%	0.8%	1.1%
Single Family Housing Starts	372	229	288
Average Annual Single Family Housing Starts (2001 - 2006)		259	
Average Annual Single Family Housing Starts (1996 - 2006)		220	
Total Housing Starts	509	306	356
Average Annual Total Housing Starts (2001 - 2006)		348	
Average Annual Total Housing Starts (1996 - 2006)		305	

**Source:** Statistics Canada, Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry



# ESTABLISHMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES

- In 2006, 63.3% of all business establishments with employees in the Battle River Region were classified in the Services-Producing Sector which includes such industries as Retail Trade, Accommodation and Good Services, and Public Administration.
- From 2005 - 2006, the net percentage change in establishments with employees for all industries in the Battle River Region was 0.1% (3 net establishments). From 2001 – 2006, the net percentage change in establishments with employees for all industries in the Battle River Region was 0.1% (2 net establishments).
- From 2005 – 2006, the goods-producing sector in the Battle River Region saw a net increase of 1.3% (18 net establishments). From 2005 – 2006, the service-producing sector in the Battle River Region saw a net decrease of -0.6% (-15 net establishments).

<b>Economic Indicators: Battle River Region</b>					
<b>Establishment with Employees <sup>11</sup></b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>% Change 2005 - 2006</b>	<b>% Change 2001 - 2006</b>
<b>All Industries (Total)</b>	<b>3,788</b>	<b>3,785</b>	<b>3,786</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Goods-Producing Sector</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>1,489</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>-6.6%</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	599	615	743	-2.6%	-19.4%
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction	301	298	259	1.0%	16.2%
Utilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction	380	356	378	6.7%	0.5%
Manufacturing	97	90	99	7.8%	-2.0%
<b>Services-Producing Sector</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>2,297</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
Wholesale Trade	170	161	173	5.6%	-1.7%
Retail Trade	382	389	374	-1.8%	2.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	260	268	299	-3.0%	-13.0%
Information, Culture & Recreation	90	93	92	-3.2%	-2.2%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	182	179	156	1.7%	16.7%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	285	268	216	6.3%	31.9%
Business, Building & Other Support Services	176	147	150	19.7%	17.3%
Educational Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	197	191	198	3.1%	-0.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	166	159	184	4.4%	-9.8%
Other Services	421	399	382	5.5%	10.2%
Public Administration	42	43	44	-2.3%	-4.5%

**Source:** 2006 Alberta Business Monitor, Alberta Finance Note: N/A - Insufficient sample size, data suppressed.



# SMALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS (1 - 49 EMPLOYEES)

- In 2006, 97.6% of all business establishments in the Battle River Region were classified as small businesses (Business that have 1 – 49 employees).
- From 2005 - 2006, the net percentage change in small business establishments for all industries in the Battle River Region was 2.3% (82 net establishments). From 2001 – 2006, the net percentage change in establishments with employees for all industries in the Battle River Region was -0.4% (-16 net establishments).

<b>Economic Indicator: Battle River Region</b>					
<b>Small Business Establishments (1 - 49 employees)<sup>12</sup></b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>% Change 2005 - 2006</b>	<b>% Change 2001 - 2006</b>
<b>All Industries (Total)</b>	<b>3,696</b>	<b>3,614</b>	<b>3,712</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>
<b>Goods-Producing Sector</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>-7.1%</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	599	614	740	-2.4%	-19.1%
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction	285	288	248	-1.0%	14.9%
Utilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction	375	350	374	7.1%	0.3%
Manufacturing	93	86	97	8.1%	-4.1%
<b>Services-Producing Sector</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
Wholesale Trade	168	159	173	5.7%	-2.9%
Retail Trade	369	375	365	-1.6%	1.1%
Transportation and Warehousing	257	266	295	-3.4%	-12.9%
Information, Culture & Recreation	89	93	91	-4.3%	-2.2%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	179	175	154	2.3%	16.2%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	282	268	216	5.2%	30.6%
Business, Building & Other Support Services	173	145	150	19.3%	15.3%
Educational Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	177	169	177	4.7%	0.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	161	156	179	3.2%	-10.1%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	418	398	382	5.0%	9.4%
Public Administration	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** 2006 Alberta Business Monitor, Alberta Finance **NOTE:** N/A - Insufficient sample size, data suppressed. Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry



# INVENTORY OF MAJOR PROJECTS

- As of June 30, 2007, there were 23 projects in all industries for the Battle River Region that were proposed, planned, under construction or completed.
- As of June 30, 2007, the total value for these 23 projects in all industries for the Battle River Region that were proposed, planned, under construction or completed was \$2.2 billion.

*Please note: 2007 and 2006 can not be compared because some projects are carried over several years and there is only one cost available for the entire project*

<b>Economic Indicators: Battle River Region</b>				
<b>Major Construction Projects, As of June 30<sup>13</sup></b>				
<b>Industry Sector</b>	<b>Projects</b>		<b>Value (\$millions)</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Agriculture and Related	N/A	1	N/A	\$21.0
Commercial/Retail	1	1	\$5.5	\$6.3
Infrastructure	5	3	\$51.0	\$38.4
Institutional	5	2	\$37.5	\$12.0
Manufacturing	1	N/A	\$30.0	N/A
Mining	1	N/A	\$1,500.0	N/A
Oil & Gas	1	1	\$250.0	\$250.0
Other Industrial	1	1	\$19.5	\$18.5
Pipelines	1	N/A	\$250.0	N/A
Tourism/Recreation	7	6	\$87.7	\$67.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$ 2,231.2</b>	<b>\$ 413.8</b>

**Source:** Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry, Inventory of Major Alberta Projects

1. This inventory lists projects in Alberta, valued at \$5 million or greater, that have recently been completed, are currently under construction, or are proposed to start construction within two years. Not all projects over this threshold are listed due to reasons of confidentiality and/or due to information not being available at time of printing.
2. Project data is obtained from public information sources. Although, where possible, this data has been verified with the project proponent / developer, users of the Inventory may wish to confirm project data with the proponent / developer.
3. The inventory does not breakdown project expenditures by any given year. The cost of the project is the value of expenditures expected over all phases of project construction, which may span over two or more years.
4. The cost of projects listed in the Inventory are estimated values only.



### **Economic Indicator Definitions**

<b>1 Dependency Ratio</b> – As of May 2006, the percentage of the population below the age of 15 (Child) and over the age of 64 (Elderly) divided by the number of adults (15 – 64). This is the population of children and elderly that are dependent on the adult population for economic needs.
<b>2 Old Age Dependency Ratio</b> – As of May 2006, the percentage of the population over the age of 64 (Elderly) divided by the number of adults (15 - 64).This is the population that is dependent on the adult population for economic needs.
<b>3 Permanent Immigrants</b> - Citizenship and Immigration Canada's (CIC) count of where immigrants are landing within the province of Alberta. This includes spouses, dependents, entrepreneurs, investors, self employed, refugees and family sponsorship. This does not take into account those that land in other Canadian provinces and then move to Alberta.
<b>4 Annualized Percentage Growth, 1996 - 2006, 10 Years (%)</b> - The average annual increase in immigrants over the 10 year period.
<b>5 Newly Registered Apprentices - All Trades</b> - The number of apprentices that are newly enrolled in a designated trade program. The apprentices must be enrolled by their original employer by December 31 of the year. Regional data is based on original employer location.
<b>6 Annualized Percentage Growth, 2001 - 2006 (%)</b> - The average annual increase in newly registered apprentices for the 5 year period.
<b>7 Annual Labour Force Characteristics</b> - Drawn from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey (LFS). The LFS is the source of current, monthly, and annual estimates of total employment (including self-employment) and unemployment. Allocating existing LFS respondents to Economic Indicator Regions results in insufficient data for certain regions (i.e. Insufficient sample sizes).
<b>LABOUR FORCE:</b> Persons who are 15 years or over that were not institutional residents that were either employed or unemployed for the year. Labour Force = Employed + Unemployed.
<b>PARTICIPATION RATE:</b> Number of persons from the Labour force expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. Participation Rate = (Labour Force / Population 15 years and over)*100.
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:</b> Number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. Unemployment Rate = (Unemployed / Labour Force)*100.
<b>EMPLOYMENT RATE:</b> Number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. Employment Rate = (Employed / Population 15 years and over)*100.
<b>8 Annual Employment by Industry</b> - Based on the Labour Force Survey data. Industry and occupation codes are assigned using the respondent's job description on the questionnaire. Codes assigned are based on the classifications described in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS 2002).
<b>9 Income (2005) – Individual Income (2005)</b> - Gross income for individuals filing income tax in Alberta in 2005. <b>Couple Income (2005)</b> – Gross income for people that defined themselves as married or common law when filing the income tax in Alberta in 2005.
<b>10 Per Capita Building Permit Value (\$)</b> - Total value of building permits for a region divided by its population.
<b>11 Annual Establishments with Employees</b> – Business establishments are presented by the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) industry codes. Commercial industries are included as are several in the public sector (schools, universities, hospitals, government offices, churches, service clubs, etc.)
<b>12 Small Business Establishments</b> - Business establishment with less than 49 employees and at least one employee. This does not include individuals that are self-employed.
<b>13 Major Projects</b> – As of June 2007, a list of major development projects in Alberta that are valued at \$5 million or more that are planned, currently under construction or recently completed. Project data is obtained from public information sources. Updated information is added monthly, print edition is updated quarterly.





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